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Project will feature 60 holiday homes around 43-acre Cornish estate

Work begins on £30m hotel and spa complex

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CONSTRUCTION work has started on a multi-million pound luxury boutique hotel, spa and holiday home complex in Cornwall.

The Cornwall Hotel, Spa and Estate at Tregorrick, near St Austell, is due to be completed in December 2009 and will offer guests complete luxury.

The £30 million development is set in 43 acres of historic wood and parkland near the Eden Project, the Lost Gardens of Heligan and beaches.

A 19th century country house, formerly belonging to the Coode family – which boasts Olympic gold medallist rower Ed as a member – will be converted into a 65-bedroom hotel, with a restaurant and bistro.

The hotel has been designed to complement the building's original characteristics, accentuated with modern features.

Fifty-six bedrooms will be arranged on

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woodland slopes behind the house, giving each guest a stunning view of the parkland and valley from their balcony.

The development, designed by architects AWW, will also boast a spa and luxury holiday homes. The building work is being carried out by construction company Sir Robert McAlpine.

Richard Whitehouse, from CMR Leisure, said: "The Cornwall Hotel Spa and Estate is a very exciting concept, and we are extremely proud of what we are creating. We have ensured our development plans will respect and sensitively complement the outstanding flora, fauna and setting of the estate – and the

integrity of its buildings.

"Conservation is at the heart of our proposals. The estate's historic setting and natural beauty is our greatest asset.

"It has been the inspiration for the architecture and interiors, and it is a very important part of what The Cornwall will offer its guests and homeowners.

"This sensitive approach will ensure The Cornwall will be a modern luxurious 21st century hotel, while retaining the beauty, charm and integrity of its historic and unspoilt rural setting."

The 19th century stables will be converted into the Clearing Spa which will offer choices including an infinity-edged pool, drench showers, sauna, steam room, high tech treatment rooms, a gym and tennis courts. The development will be run on behalf of its owners, Bristol-based CMR Leisure by the independent hotel group Bespoke Hotels.

There will be 60 two and three double-bedroom detached woodland holiday homes dotted around the estate, with double glazing, elevated views and balconies. They will be furnished by award-winning interior designers AWW and be offered for sale on a freehold basis.

Those interested in a property can get information at www.thecornwall.com

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The Cornwall Hotel, Spa and Estate will be located close to attractions including the Eden Project and the Lost Gardens of Heligan, as well as numerous popular beaches